

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

KRISSTAL N. ARTICE,

Plaintiff,

VS.

EPWORTH CHILDREN AND
FAMILY SERVICES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:20-cv-01759-MTS

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

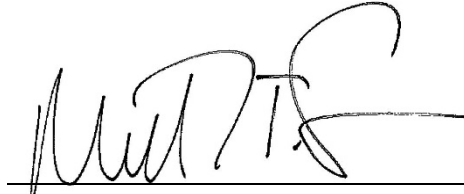
This matter is before the Court on review of the file. Defendant Epworth Children and Family Services filed a timely Motion to Dismiss, Doc. [11], on April 13, 2021. Plaintiff failed to file a response, and her time to do so has expired. *See* E.D. Mo. L.R. 4.01(B). As a *pro se* litigant, Plaintiff may be unfamiliar with the local rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but *pro se* litigants still must abide by them. *In re Harris*, 277 F. App'x 645 (8th Cir. 2008) (noting “even pro se litigants must comply with court rules and directives”) (citing *Soliman v. Johanns*, 412 F.3d 920, 921–22 (8th Cir. 2005)).

Because of Plaintiff's *pro se* status, however, the Court will provide her with another "opportunity to meet deadlines and conscientiously prosecute her case." *See Burrow v. Boeing Co.*, No. 4:09-cv-2073-TCM, 2010 WL 4272756, at *3 (E.D. Mo. Oct. 25, 2010). Failure to respond to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or to comply with future deadlines may result in the Court dismissing this case.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff Krisstal N. Artice shall respond to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, Doc. [11], within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew T. Schelp', written over a horizontal line.

MATTHEW T. SCHELP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE